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§§ 762.1-762.100 [Reserved]

§ 762.101 Introduction.

(a) *Scope.* This subpart contains regulations governing Operating Loans and Farm Ownership loans guaranteed by the Farm Service Agency. This subpart applies to lenders, holders, borrowers, Agency personnel, and other parties involved in making, guaranteeing, holding, servicing, or liquidating such loans.

(b) *Policy.* The Agency issues guarantees on loans made to qualified loan applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, or age, provided the loan applicant can enter into a legal and binding contract, or whether all or part of the applicant's income derives from any public assistance program or whether the applicant, in good faith, exercises any rights under the Consumer Protection Act.

(c) *Lender list and classification.* (1) The Agency maintains a current list of lenders who express a desire to participate in the guaranteed loan program.

This list is made available to farmers upon request.

(2) Lenders who participate in the Agency guaranteed loan program will be classified into one of the following categories:

(i) Standard Eligible Lender under § 762.105,

(ii) Certified Lender, or

(iii) Preferred Lender under § 762.106.

(3) Lenders may continue to make loans under Approved Lender Program (ALP) agreements until they expire; however, these agreements will not be renewed when they expire. All ALP agreements with farm credit institutions will expire on February 12, 2001.

(d) *Type of guarantee.* Guarantees are available for both a loan note or a line of credit. A loan note is used for a loan of fixed amount and term. A line of credit has a fixed term, but no fixed amount. The principal amount outstanding at any time, however, may not exceed the line of credit ceiling contained in the contract. Both guarantees are evidenced by the same loan guarantee form.

(e) *Termination of loan guarantee.* The loan guarantee will automatically terminate as follows:

(1) Upon full payment of the guaranteed loan. A zero balance within the period authorized for advances on a line of credit will not terminate the guarantee;

(2) Upon payment of a final loss claim; or

(3) Upon written notice from the lender to the Agency that a guarantee is no longer desired provided the lender holds all of the guaranteed portion of the loan. The loan guarantee will be returned to the Agency office for cancellation within 30 days of the date of the notice by the lender.

§ 762.102 Abbreviations and definitions.

(a) *Abbreviations.*

ALP—Approved lender program

CLP—Certified lender program

CONACT—Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.)

EPA—Environmental Protection Agency

EIS—Environmental impact statement